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Date: September 9 & 10, 2012

Description: Post convention political Ads expected to increase in "swing states"

Get ready, presidential swing states. Now the campaign ad crush really begins. Spending on the TV ad war is expected to swell to \$1.1 billion. The Kantar/Campaign Media Analysis Group, which tracks campaign ad spending, says that just over a third of that amount has been spent so far.

That means the campaigns and independent groups will spend more on the air in the final eight weeks of the presidential contest than they did in the first five months. The biggest change is on the Republican side, with Mitt Romney now free to tap millions in general election funds he had collected but could not spend until becoming the party's official nominee.

Eight states are considered true battlegrounds: Colorado, Florida, Iowa, <u>Nevada</u>, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, and Virginia.

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Date: September 10 & 11, 2012

Description: Another lawsuit between City of Reno and Washoe County possible

There could be another lawsuit between the City of Reno and Washoe County.

Today, the City Council gave legal staff authority to do whatever needed to recoup about a million dollars dealing with fire services.

The City says there was a billing problem and Washoe owes them about a million dollars.

The County disagrees and offered to enter into binding arbitration instead of a lawsuit, which could drag on at taxpayer's expense.

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Date: September 11, 2012

Description: Romney talks national security, praise for military members in Reno

With less than two months before elections, Republican Candidate Mitt Romney chose to avoid negativity in his speech at the National Guard Association conference in Reno, Nevada. Instead he focused on praising the troops and remembering the anniversary of 9/11.

"We remember with heavy hearts the tragic loss of life and we express thankfulness for the men and women who responded to that tragedy," said Romney.

Romney spoke to a crowd of about 3500, praising them for their service. "Throughout the last 11 years guardsmen and women have helped keep us safe from attack and the nation owes you a great deal of gratitude."

Romney has been criticized for failing to mention the war in Afghanistan or the troops in his speech and the Republican National Convention. This time, it was different. On the war in Afghanistan, Romney said, "Our goal should be a complete successful transition by the end of 2014." He then called for an "American Century." "It began with terror, war and economic calamity. It is now our duty to steer it on the path to freedom, peace and prosperity."

While Romney said he would not lay out differences between him and his opponent, he did make subtle criticism of impending budget cuts to the U.S. Military. "We can always find places to end wastes we cannot cancel program after program. We cannot jeopardize critical missions. We cannot cut corners in quality of equipment we provide to the men and women in uniform." Romney called for reform in the system and vowed as president he would "keep faith" with veterans when they returned home. "Veterans benefits are not a gift that is given but a debt that is due."

Romney left Reno heading for Florida where he is scheduled to speak in Jacksonville.

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Date: September 12, 2012

Description: Ethics group gives Berkley "dishonorable mention"

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A watchdog group gives Nevada Senate candidate Shelley Berkley a "dishonorable mention" in its report on corrupt members of Congress.

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington on Wednesday cited a House Ethics Committee investigation into allegations the seven-term congresswoman used her position to benefit her family's financial interests.

The Nevada Republican Party filed a complaint last year saying Berkley's efforts to keep a kidney transplant program open in Las Vegas constituted a conflict of interest. Her husband is a managing partner of a company that contracted with the hospital to provide kidney care.

Berkley says other members of the delegation also supported the program to benefit Nevadans.

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Date: September 12, 2012

Description: President Obama visits Las Vegas

President Barack Obama has briefly addressed violence that has left four U.S. diplomats dead the Middle East while speaking Wednesday in Las Vegas.

Obama said that those who died, including U.S. ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens, had risked their lives "to help one of the world's youngest democracies get on its feet." He said he had a message for the rest of the world: "no act of violence will shake the resolve of the United States of America."

Obama then moved on to a standard campaign speech, exhorting the crowd of about 8,000 people at the Cashman Center convention hall to elect him to a second term. Many struggled to understand him because of bad acoustics.

It was Obama's eighth visit to Nevada this year.

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Date: September 12, 2012

Description: Amodei keeps up criticism of BLM over sage grouse

A Nevada congressman is renewing criticism of the BLM for deferring thousands of acres from proposed oil and gas development in the state because of concerns over sage grouse habitat.

In a statement Thursday, Republican Rep. Mark Amodei said the BLM's "unilateral policy" of shutting down public lands out of concerns for sage grouse is misguided. The former president of the Nevada Mining Association says wildfires are the biggest threat to the bird.

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The BLM this week offered 114,348 acres for oil and gas leases, but deferred another 262,000 acres from bidding because of sage grouse.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency is under court mandate to determine by 2015 if sage grouse deserve protection under the Endangered Species Act. States are working on conservation plans to avoid a listing.

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Date: September 16, 2012

Description: Vucanovich for Romney

Former Nevada Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich made a public appearance in Reno today. Vucanovich, alongside current Tennessee Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, spoke at the "Women for Mitt Social" at Dynamic Diesel in Sparks.

Both women were their support of the Republican Presidential nominee. Earlier in the day Blackburn also spoke at the Corley Ranch out in Gardnerville.